

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please delete the Abstract of the Disclosure in its entirety and substitute the following:

**-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A process and system for effectuating the shipment and appointment making process between buyers, sellers and third party service providers in a supply community are provided. Any shipping location may create and maintain an appointment calendar within which two or more other participants may seek and select open time slots and request shipping reservations for unreserved slots.--